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SUBJECT: ONTARIO PROTEST TO OTTAWA ON CANADIAN SUPPORT FOR

GENERAL LOWERING OF TARIFFS

1. IN COMMENTS AT ONTARIO GOVERNMENT'S "PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY" ECONOMIC CONFERENCE IN TORONTO FEBRUARY 10, CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (CMA) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROY PHILLIPS SAID THAT GENERAL BELIEF THAT CANADA HIGH TARIFF COUNTRY ERRONEOUS AND THAT MANY CANADIAN GOODS FACE TARIFFS HIGHER THAN CANADIAN WHEN ENTERING THE U.S. PHILLIPS CONTINUED THAT CMA GENERALLY SUPPORTS TARIFF REFORM BUT, NOTING THAT KENNEDY ROUND TARIFF ADVANTAGES OBTAINED BY CANADIAN NEGOTIATORS FRUSTRATED BY NEW FOREIGN NON-TARIFF TRADE BARRIERS, SAID THAT CMA VIEWED WITH CONCERN RECENT OTTAWA STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF LOWERING WORLD TARIFF LEVELS. PHILLIPS URGED GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO INSIST WITH OTTAWA THAT TARIFF REDUCTIONS OBTAINED IN FUTURE BE ACCOMPANIED BY GUARANTEES ON OTHER TRADE ASPECTS OR NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON EXPORT-ORIENTED ONTARIO MANUFACTURING SECTION COULD BE TREMENDOUS.

2. ONTARIO PREMIER DAVIS CHAIRING CONFERENCE ASSURED PHILLIPS THAT APPROPRIATE PROVINCIAL MINISTER HAD ALREAD NOTIFIED OTTAWA OF ONTARIO'S CONCERN IN THIS MATTER. UNCLASSIFIED

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